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**FAX TRANSMITTAL**

**DATE:** December 26, 2007

**TO:** Examiner Thomas H. Stevens, United States Patent and Trademark Office

**FAX PHONE NO:** (571) 273-3715

**FROM:** Rodney C. Tullett

**RE:** In re Application of: Yuri Granik and Frank M. Schellenberg  
Application No.: 09/898,431  
Filed: July 2, 2001  
For: METHOD OF COMPENSATING FOR ETCH EFFECTS IN  
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC PROCESSING

**OUR FILE:** 1011-78093-02

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**MESSAGE:**

Dear Examiner Stevens:

Please confirm the attached document is acceptable and confirm the Examiner Interview is scheduled as originally planned.

With best regards,

Jessica E. Raucci

Legal Assistant to Rodney C. Tullett

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**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application No.: 09/898,431

Examiner: Thomas H. Stevens

First Named Applicant: Yuri Granik

Art Unit: 2121

Status of Application:

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**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Rodney Tullett

(2) Frank Schellenberg

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Proposed Date of Interview:

Proposed Time: (AM/PM)

**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description:

**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rejection	1,5,8,12,23	Kim et al. 6,544,669		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Kim et al. does not teach using results of an etch simulation to produce a revised set of mask/reticle data that is used as a target layer for OPC as set forth in Claim 1 or applying the etch biases calculated from an initial set of data within an OPC loop as in Claim 5.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Rodney C. Tullett

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

34,034

Registration Number, if applicable

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